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Centennial Accord 2026

Chairman Peters - This years Centennial Accord was hosted by the Snoqualmie Tribe, Oct. 12-14.

The Accord, initially created on August 4, 1989, is executed between the federally recognized Indian tribes and the State of Washington, through the governor. This annual meeting helps achieve mutual goals through an improved relationship between our sovereign governments. This Accord provides a framework for that government-to-government relationship and implementation procedures to assure execution of that relationship.

This year's accord covered a large array of topics including, environmental protections, pinniped management, treaty rights, fisheries co-management and enforcement, data centers, 2030 census, 6ppd research, emergency response, green energy, protection of cultural sites, opioid/fentanyl epidemic, fuel tax, Since Time Memorial education requirements, among many other things. It was a full three days of meetings between tribal leaders, the governor and his executive staff.

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Squaxin Island Tribe Hosts South Sound Science Symposium

The South Sound Science Symposium (S4) happens every two years at Little Creek Casino Resort Events Center, and October 15th was another successful symposium. It was attended by 460 people from 84 different organizations and agencies from throughout the Pacific Northwest, including Puget Sound Tribes; Washington State Agencies, like Department of Natural Resources, Department of Ecology, and Department of Health; conservation districts; county and city managers; and health departments, universities, non-profits, and private companies.

The event showcases environmental science in South Sound and its freshwater watersheds, and it is planned by a large group of scientists, including those from the Squaxin Island and Nisqually Tribes.

Talks this year included tribal plant harvest on Mount Rainier, kelp restoration, and removing toxics from water to protect salmon, among others.

Squaxin Natural Resources staff put in a lot of work to make the event a success.

Special thanks to Chairman Peters for opening the conference and welcoming attendees, to Gwen Foster and Jeffrey Wilson, who helped manage registration, and to Theresa Henderson, who manages the symposium website (https://southsoundscience.org). You can see the programs and presentations on the S4 website. Thank you to Trevor Pyle who took the poster photo.


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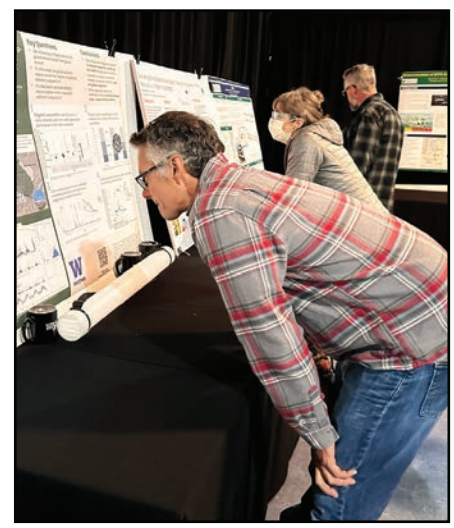



Gwen Foster (Cashier) and Jeffrey Wilson (Financial Specialist), and Erica Marbet, Water Resources Biologist



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The Klah-Che-Min encourages Tribal Members to submit letters, articles, photographs and drawings to be considered for publication, but are subject to editing.

Contributing writers and artists include Squaxin Island community members and staff.

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15th of each month

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Poll Announcement:

The Constitution Committee is attempting to provide Council with recommended amendments to our Constitution.

The Council has asked us to review three priority areas including:

1) General review of the Constitution
2) Membership
3) Elections

The committee wants as many of our community members as possible to help make these recommendations.

To that end, we have provided a link to a poll for you to complete that will provide us with the best week(s) of the month, day(s) of the week, and time(s) for your participation.

The link can be found in the tribal member portal on our website, *squaxinisland.org*.

Please complete the poll by December 15, 2026. We hope to summarize the poll and send out the proposed meeting schedule to the community by December 20.

Please email Roger Peters (*rlpeters05b@gmail.com*) if you have any questions.

General Wellness Opt-In Program Payments

If you would like your General Wellness distribution monthly instead of quarterly, please go to the tribal member portal on our website to opt-in *(squaxinisland.org)*. Direct deposit is required for this option. Payments will be on the 15th of every month.

Please email Brandie LeGarde (blegarde@squaxin.us) or Josh Whitener (jwhitener@squaixn.us) for any questions. Deadline to opt-in is January 4, 2027.

Squaxin Island Vocational Rehabilitation Program

Outreach Event

Cedar Roses / Turtle Shell Rattles!!

Come join us on December 16, 2026
From 4:00pm-6:00pm at Family Services

- Do you have questions about VR and what services are available?
- Are you someone with a disability trying to find work or access resources?

Let's have a snack, make a cedar rose or a rattle, and enjoy each other's company!

Questions? Contact Will Marchant
360-432-3949 or wmarchant@squaxin.us

Feedback Form

Tribal Council Feedback form:

https://squaxin.formstack.com/forms/feedback_form_tribal_council

Feedback forms are available for tribal members to provide feedback at the top of each department's main page, as well as the Tribal Council page.Your valuable feedback will go directly to the director of the department and Executive Director, Erika Thale.

Council Corner

What Your Council Has Been Up To…

Highlights from the October 22 and November 12 Tribal Council meetings

HONORING OUR VETERANS. Council passed Resolution #26-156, recognizing November 11th as Veterans Day at the Squaxin Island Tribe. Council and Family Services hosted a luncheon to honor the veterans in the community on November 12th. Kris shared the proclamation at the luncheon and the Elders quilting group honored the eldest tribal veteran, Don Whitener, with a beautiful handmade quilt.

NEW HOUSING AND CONNECTIVITY. Council approved a down payment assistance program to help tribal members move toward homeownership. It also approved a resolution for a tribal broadband grant. Planning and Community Development is working on a possible electrification grant as well. A multifamily housing grant was submitted for another six-plex at Slocum Ridge.

PROJECTS MOVING ALONG. The Taylor water line is in its final testing phase, with completion expected around mid-November. The SR 108 roundabous project has reached the 30% design review. Remodels continue in the administration building, which is getting additional office space, and the HVAC system is nearly complete.

SUPPORTING TRIBAL JUSTICE. Council welcomed the University of Washington's Tribal Court Public Defense program, which provides public defense services while training law students in tribal law.

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS. Council Chairman Kris Peters met with the City of Allyn, which enjoys hosting the canoe journey landing, and with State Parks. Government-to-government meetings are planned toward an agreement on access and use. Council is also arranging a council-to-council dinner with Nisqually and a meeting with Quinault. Members are planning to attend the Billy Frank Jr. Celebration in December, and Council voiced support for a donation toward the event.



Mark your calendar:

Dec 22:	All Staff Holiday Party, LCCR
Dec 23 - Jan 1:	Christmas holiday, offices closed
Jan 23:	Winter General Body Meeting, LCCR





Winter Break Rec Day with Ray

December 30, 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. at TYC

Enjoy free, drop-in sports and activities with Ray Pruneda from Stronger Together Fitness!

Come have fun, stay active, and enjoy an afternoon of sports, games, and recreation. This drop-in event is open to youth ages 8-18 who want to get out of the house over winter break. This is not a supervised childcare program. Very limited staff will be on site.

Attendance will not be monitored.

Youth may come and go independently/check themselves out.

Parents/guardians should establish a clear transportation and pick-up plan with their youth prior to attendance.

The event ends at 6:00 p.m. sharp.







Pet Resources

The Squaxin Island Tribe partners with local veterinarians and agencies to help tribal members access affordable spay/neuter services, as well as assistance with pet emergencies.

If you have questions, need assistance, or would like recommendations for local resources, please contact:

Lisa Peters
(360) 432-3871
lpeters@squaxin.us



Squaxin Island Tribe

Office of Housing

Housing staff is available. Please do not hesitate to call or email with any questions or concerns.

The Office of Housing contact information:

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  - EMAIL: lpeters@squaxin.us PH: 360-432-3871
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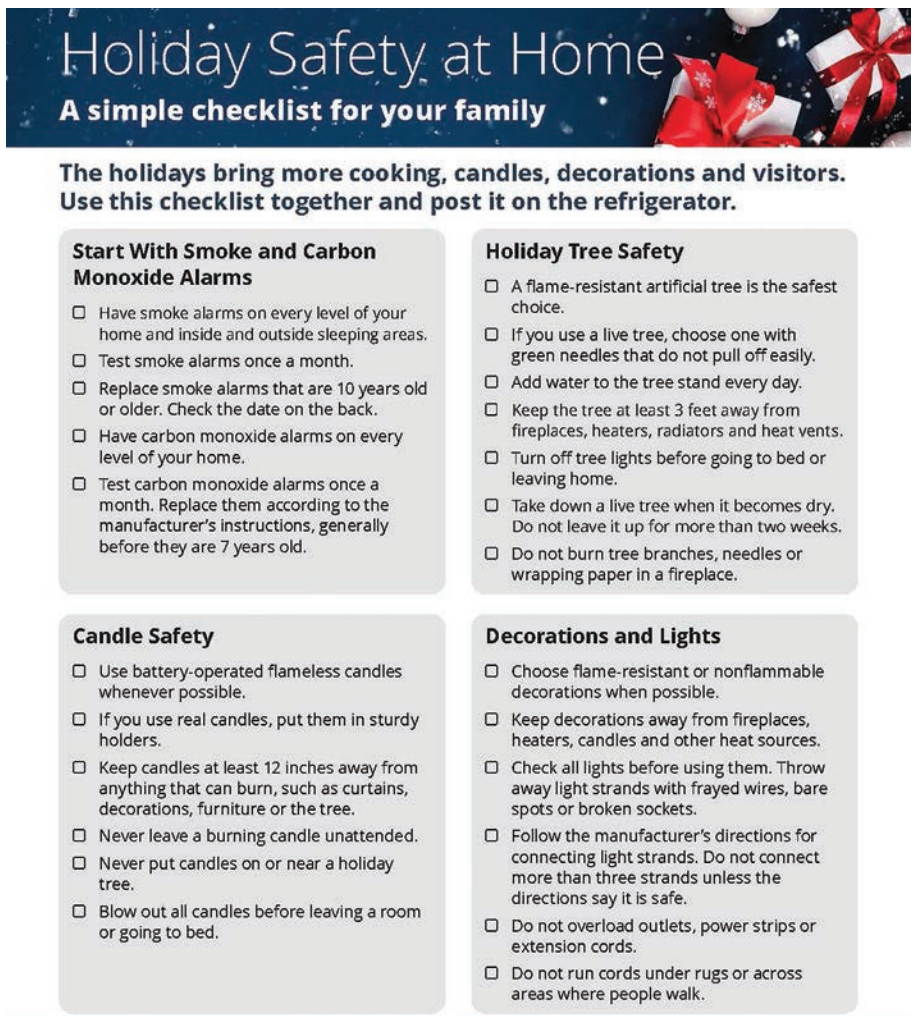
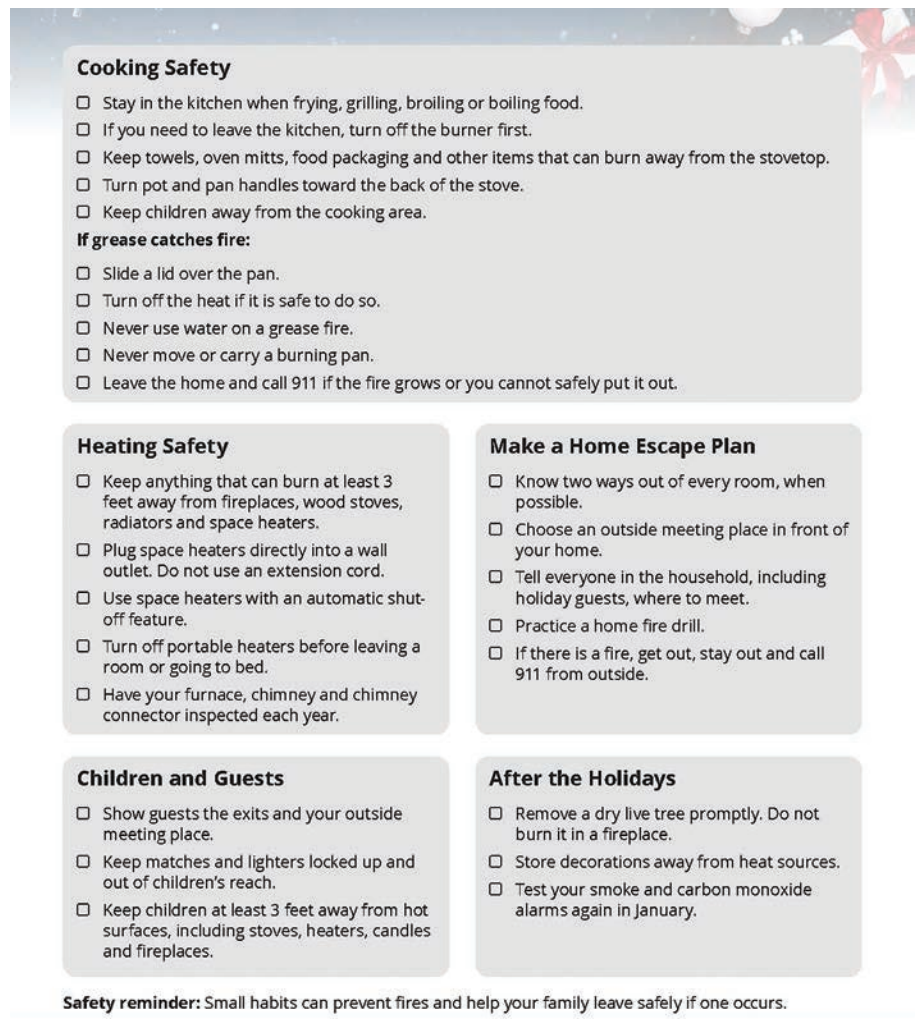




Employee Appreciation

An employee appreciation luncheon was held October 9th at Little Creek Casino Resort's events center.

Thank you, Squaxin Island tribal employees, for your dedicated service, hard work, and commitment! You have helped shape and uphold our organization and make lasting impacts on those we serve.



Karen Holmes, Noah Howland, Juana Nelson, Julie Evenhuis, and Darren Bennett



TYC staff



Joe Peters, Mike Tisdale, Tully Kruger and Liz Kuntz



Kiana Wily, Tae'Lor Glass, and Mandy Paradise



Lisa Peters, Esther Fox, Liz Kuntz, and Tracy Parker

35 years
Will Henderson
Julie Goodwin

25 years
Mike Tisdale
Astrid Poste
Liz Kuntz
Joe Peters
Tully Kruger
Ray Peters

20 years
Sarah Zaniewski
Brett Fish
Jennifer Ogno

15 years
Cassidy Gott
Cheryl Hackney

10 years
Danny Snyder
Keenon Vigil-Snook
Lorie Barnhart
Eric Ellerbe
Kezia Wentworth
Ken McGill
Malia Henry
Kelli Dahman
Shae Clark
Elena Capoeman-Johns
Clara Hernandez
Michelle Larsen
Kaiti Krug
Karen Holmes
Maryssa Ank
Melissa Grant
Jeb Case
Tim Linn
Leila Whitenet

5 years
Stephanie Higgins
Bille Hodge
Tamika Krise
Keesha Vigil-Snook
Windy Poitra
Sara Naranjo-Johns
Kenna Krise



Jen Ogno and Sarah Zaniewski

New Employees



Conor Ramage
Kitchen Facilities Assistant

Hi! When my family moved us off the reservation, I was heartbroken to lose easy access to all the friends and family that were always just a short walk away.

My name is Conor Ramage and I'm more than excited to be back in the community I grew up in and see so many familiar faces.

My position is Kitchen Facilities Assistant, under Kenna's wing, as she teaches me all I need to better serve the Squaxin Tribe.

I love to be a helping hand, and this job will hopefully expand what I can offer to others beyond just cooking. This how I've spent the last 10 years, either cooking or serving food in some way.



Trent Brown
Park Steward

TYC staff - Welcome our new Park Steward, Trent Brown!

We are excited to announce that Trent Brown has joined our team as our new Park Steward!

Trent is stepping into an important role in helping care for, maintain, and improve our community parks and outdoor play spaces. Our parks are a special part of what makes our community a great place to live, work, and play, and we are looking forward to having Trent help keep these spaces welcoming, safe, and enjoyable for everyone.

One of Trent's exciting responsibilities will be assisting with the continued development and management of Skookum Park. We look forward to having Trent play a part in helping shape and maintain this special space for Tribal members to enjoy.

We recently participated in the 2026 fall training at the Capital Event Center, hosted by the Washington Recreation & Park Association. During the training, we attended sessions covering playground inspection and safety, tree assessments, and professional development opportunities focused on moving up in park management.

These sessions provided valuable knowledge, resources, and ideas that we can bring back to our community as we continue working to improve and care for our parks and recreation spaces.

We are excited for what is ahead and look forward to the positive impact Trent will make in our parks, especially as we continue working toward the development and management of Skookum Park.

Please join us in giving Trent a warm welcome! We are happy to have him on board and look forward to all the great things ahead!





Susan Wicket LaClair
Behavioral Health Care Coordinator/

Hello! My name is Susan (Wicket) LaClair. I am a member of Squaxin Island Tribe, and I come from the Cooper/Henry family. I am excited to join the Squaxin Island Behavioral Health team as a Care Coordinator/ Case Manager.

I bring over 13 years of experience in case management and earned my bachelor's degree in Tribal Government and Business Management from Northwest Indian College in June 2025.

I am a wife, mother, and grandmother. As a lifelong community member, I am passionate about supporting individuals and families however I can. I believe in meeting people where they are, without judgment, and providing compassionate, culturally grounded care.

Outside of work, I enjoy baking, cooking, beading, bowling, and spending quality time with my family.

I look forward to continuing to serve my community, building meaningful relationships, and helping individuals and families feel supported, valued, and connected. Feel free to reach out if you need assistance and see you around. :)

Olympic Middle School

Tamika Krise - Hello Squaxin Family!

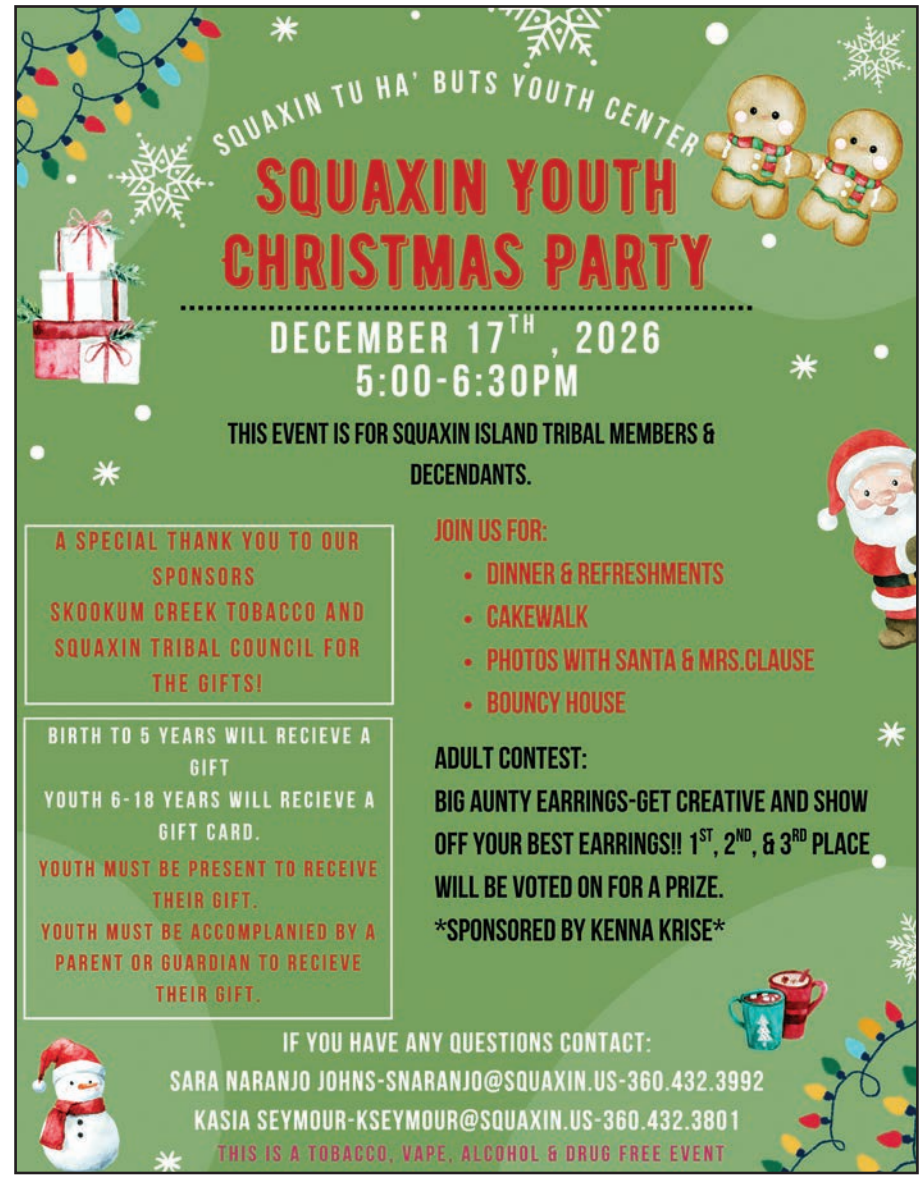
I am Tamika Krise, formally known as the OMS student advocate. However, I am excited to share that I will be stepping into a new role at the TYC as the Program Coordinator for the Healing Waters Youth Program. I loved my time as a student advocate and gained so much knowledge from that experience. I am eager to bring that knowledge and apply it to my position. I am looking forward to this opportunity to bring both my passions together, our youth and our culture.



Feel free to reach out to me with any questions, ideas, or conversations! My email is tmkrise@squaxin.us and my facebook page is @Tamika HealingWaters Coordinator

Thank you all!





Christmas Party

Sara naranjo - TYC is hosting our annual Youth Christmas Party on Thursday, December 17th, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for Squaxin Island tribal members and descendants.

Families, please come join us for dinner and refreshments, cakewalk, photos with Santa, and a bouncy house! Children and youth will receive gifts: ages birth to 5 will receive a gift, and ages 6-18 will receive a gift card. Youth must be present and accompanied by a parent or guardian to receive them.

Adults are welcome to participate in our "Big Aunty Earring" contest by creating and showing off their best earrings. There will be three winners, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, who will receive prizes. This contest is sponsored by Kenna Krise.

We want to thank our sponsors, Skookum Creek Tabacco and Squaxin Tribal Council for the gifts.

TYC looks forward to seeing everybody there!

For questions, contact Sara Naranjo Johns at snaranjo@squaxin.us or 360-432-3992, or Kasia Seymour at kseymour@squaxin.us or 360-432-3801.

The event is tobacco-, vape-, alcohol-, and drug-free.

Bordeaux

Madeline Cain, mcain@squaxin.us - Greetings everyone!

I am pleased to inform you that business at Bordeaux has been running smoothly! I've finally established a schedule with a class rotation that allows me to be in class with every student at least once a week, as well as hold Squaxin Lunch Groups for 3rd and 4th graders once a week :)

Our pair of 4th graders now meet regularly on Tuesday for lunch, while our huge crew of 3rd graders meet in split groups on Thursdays and Fridays.

It's always a welcomed bonus to see students when we're passing in the hallway, or even getting a little extra time to catch up if I see them during their recess or stop in during their lunchtime.

One of the highlights of my job is being met with the shining, smiling faces of all our Squaxin kiddos as I'm passing from one class to another.

After school, I'm stationed upstairs at the TYC for reading and homework help. We have a lot of fun building cozy forts in order to reach optimal reading form :)

We love having students up here for reading and are still offering your choice of candy for every five minutes spent reading!

In honor of November being Native American Heritage Month, we had an assembly November 30th.

I look forward to continuing to work with all of your wonderful, hardworking students at Bordeaux.













Shelton High School

Isabelle LeClair - Hello everybody! I would like to give an update from the SHS! As we settle into our new class schedule and routine, I want to remind students how important it is to be on time to classes, be ready to learn, and engage in the classroom.

If you are struggling in class, I would be more than happy to join you in class or you may ask to come down to Native Ed after the first 15 minutes of class so you have a better understanding of what is expected from you during class time in Native Ed.

With all that being said, I would love to do a student spotlight for December! Our student spotlight at SHS this month is... Will Weythman! Will is a senior this year, which is very hard for me to process! Will is such a wonderful student! He has all A's right now and amazing attendance! Will came into to Native Ed recently and showed me his monster he created in his ceramics class, and I loved it! I thought he did an excellent job on his creation! Will has just one more trimester of high school, and I couldn't be prouder of that guy and all his hard work he has put in the last three years! Keep up the good work, Will Will. I can't wait to see and celebrate all your accomplishments in June, Buddy!



Teen Program

Keesha Vigil, Teen Program Manager (kvigilsnook@squaxin.us)
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Successful Bake Sale

A HUGE thank-you to everyone who supported our Youth Council bake sale! The teens were so excited to see the community come together and show their support. The Youth Council will now be working on a plan to budget for meals at future meetings. We are so proud of their hard work and can't wait to see what they accomplish next! Keep an eye out for future events!

Teen Pool Party

Get ready to GLOW! Join us on December 11th from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. for a Glow-in-the-Dark Pool Party hosted by the Teen Program and pool staff. We have an EXCITING SURPRISE planned, and you won't want to miss it! Come join the fun and see what we have in store!

Crafts and Cocoa

Join us on Wednesdays in the Teen Room on December 2nd, 9th, and 16th, from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. for Crafts & Cocoa Wednesdays! We'll be making gifts, including keychains, earrings, and more. Come get creative, enjoy some cocoa, and spend time with friends!

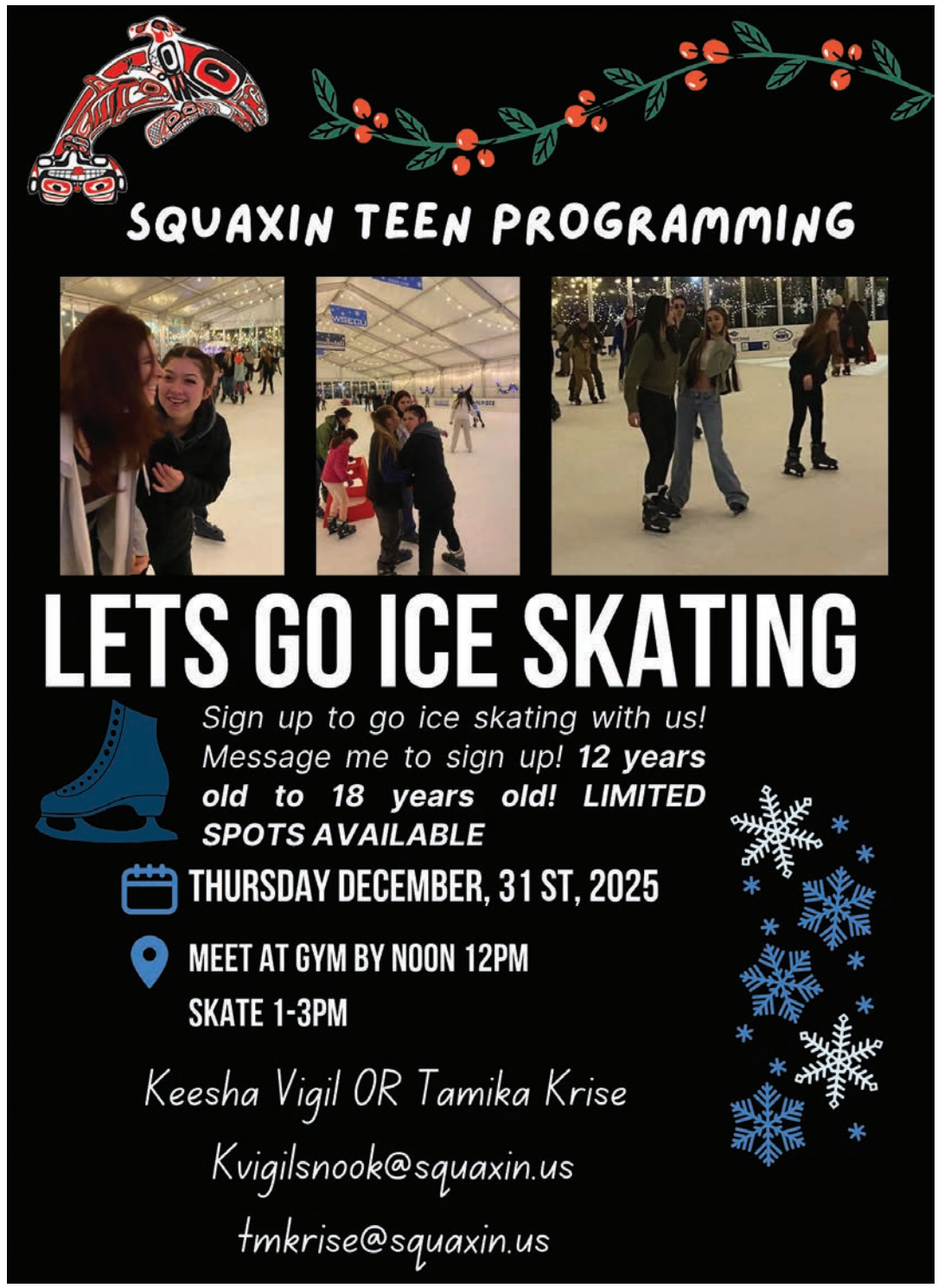
Ice Skating With Teens

Let's end the year on ice! Join us on December 31st from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. for an afternoon of ice skating and fun. Please be sure to sign up ahead of time if you'd like to attend!

Healing Waters Youth Program

Keep an eye out in the new year for community updates about our new cultural youth program, Healing Waters! We are excited to welcome Tamika Krise as our new Healing Waters Youth Program Coordinator. We look forward to sharing more about the program and the exciting opportunities ahead!





Oly on Ice Tickets

Tickets will be available for families in the following ways:

TYC youth/families will be offered tickets through the After School Program.
Contact Kasia at: (360) 432-3801

Teens may register to attend Oly on Ice on December 31 with the Teen Program.
Contact Keesha at: (360) 490-0072

Remaining tickets will be available at the community-wide Christmas Party on December 17.
Enrolled Tribal members and descendants have priority.

Oakland Bay Junior High

Kiana Garberich-Wily - haʔɬ sləx̌il sqʷax̌sədəbš

Hey Everyone,

We have one trimester down, and only two more to go! The first couple months of school blew right by. We have had many students with exemplary attendance and so many maintaining solid grades. With it being a new semester, it's a fresh start on making and maintaining our academic goals.

For the month of September, our top GPA holders for the 7th grade were Shanyssa Tate and Aurelia Thomas.

In the 8th grade, Asher Fowler and LJ Cooper were the top GPA holders. For the month of October, the 7th graders were Alexis Wentworth and Sha'nyssa Tate and the 8th graders were LJ Cooper and Asher Fowler.

Amazing job to all our students who show up and put in the work, day after day. And congratulations to all the students who earned their monthly attendance raffle tickets. There are only 15 and a half school days in December, so it is a great opportunity to meet our attendance goal of 75% or better and earn your raffle ticket for the month. The first step to success is showing up,



Native Ed Room Break

and it's amazing to see how many of our kiddos truly take their education journey seriously. I raise my hands to them and their families who support them along the way.

OBJH girls have been going hard in their classrooms and on the court. Five out of ten of the 7th grade Varsity team are Squaxin girls. Satayla, Olivia, Elaine, Lexi and Sha'nyssa have been staying motivated and representing well for themselves, their families, their tribe, and their school! They play at 5:00 p.m. on 12/7 against Elma, 12/9 against Montesano, and 12/16 against Miller for their final home game. Come on out and support our girls at their games!

I hope everyone has a nice and relaxing winter break and returns to the new year invigorated and ready to go! See y'all next year!



Twin Day

Higher Education

Higher Education students,

If you are planning to attend winter quarter, paperwork is due on December 4th. I can not process your paperwork for the college until your file has been updated. I hope everyone had a very successful first quarter/semester.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at my direct line or email. If you are a new student and need paperwork for Higher Education funding, please get in touch with me.

Thank you,

Mandy Valley, Higher Ed Coordinator
(360) 432-3882 | mvalley@squaxin.us





After School Program in November

Kasia Seymour - November wass Native American Heritage Month!

Mondays in the Afterschool program were cultural activities for the youth - mini button blankets in rec room with Tayla.

Tuesday, November 3rd was a fun activity cooking with Sara!

On Wednesday, November 4th, the youth made gratitude chains and they did a great job writing on each link what they are grateful for.

Thursdays in November were traditional plant teachings, and November's focus was fir trees; they learned how fir trees can be used for medicine and identified what fir trees we use for our medicines.

Friday, November 6th, the youth got to head out to T' Peeksin Park with Tanalee, and they had fun playing with their buddies there!

Tuesday, November 10th, youth made pizza bagels with Tayla, and they loved them! Youth really enjoyed cooking this fun treat.

Wednesday, November 11th, we were closed in honor of our Veterans for Veterans Day.

Thursday, November 12th, the youth made homemade playdough in the rec room with Tayla. It was tons of fun and the youth were able to take home their own playdough afterwards!

Friday, November 13th, was our annual youth traditional foods dinner that we hold for our youth to honor Native American Heritage Month, along with showing our Squaxin youth the first traditional foods our ancestors ate and we still get to enjoy today. Foods that were prepared were coho salmon, oysters, clams and clam chowder, fry bread and nettle tea. Thank you to our sponsors, Salish seafoods, Squaxin Council and Melissa Puhn for helping provide the youth with clams and oysters; they loved them! Thank you to the After-school team who helped make this happen. They prepared the foods and served the youth! This is a great learning tool for our people's culture, our ancestral teachings, and appreciation. Showing our young ones as early as possible is good medicine!

Wednesday, November 18th, was DIY key chains with pony beads or seed beads and sinew or string.

Friday, November 20th, was movie night. The youth got to choose their movie during Thursdays trivia and then, during the movie, they got a special treat - popcorn and a drink.

Tuesday, November 24th, was a cooking project with Sara, and the youth loved every minute of it! They got to make a special treat and eat it afterwards.

Thursday, November 26th, and Friday, November 27th, we were closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Hope you had a wonderful holiday with your friends and families!

Check out our December calendar. We will be having our Annual Youth Christmas Party on December 17th from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. and our Winter Rec Day for youth on December 21st from 8:30-3:00 p.m., as well as some other fun family activities!

Stay tuned for the upcoming after school calendar in December and weekly schedule on our Facebook page, Tu' Ha Buts Youth Center, or join our Remind app! Text SquaxinTYC to 81010 - The Remind app will text our weekly hours and any urgent updates directly to your phones!



Nana eating her clams

December 2026

Rec Room: 360-432-3986 | Kasia: 360-432-3801 | Kenna: 360-432-3895 | Sara: 360-432-3992 | Tanalee: 360-432-3819

	After School Program: 3:00-6:00pm 1 Cooking Activity: **Cooking with Sara**	**After School Program: 2:30-6:00pm** 2 DIY Christmas cards Swimming 4:15-5:30pm GSD.Early Release @ 2:30	**After School Program: 3:00-6:00pm** 3 Traditional Medicine: Salt Scrub/ Bath Salt	**After School Program: 3:00-6:00pm** 4 Gingerbread man decorating contest	5
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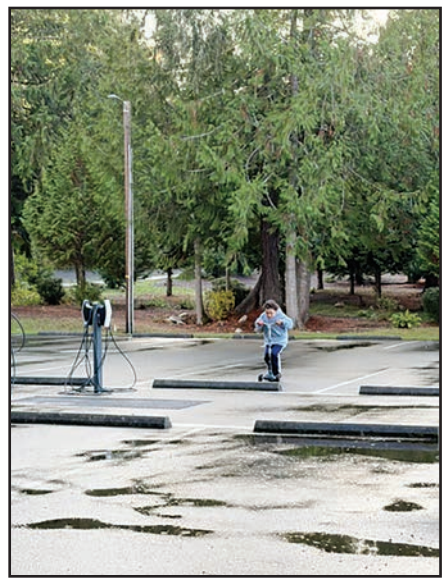
Hours: 8:30am-3:00pm 21 **Winter Rec** Christmas games and crafts, playground and gym .	No programming 22 Closed for Squaxin Staff Christmas Brunch	23 Closed for Christmas Holiday	24	25	26
28 Free Family Movie Day Shelton Cinemas 10am This is a go on your own	29	**Rec Day with Ray** 30 Hours: 1:00-6:00pm -gym only. Ages 8-18 &attendance not monitored.	31		

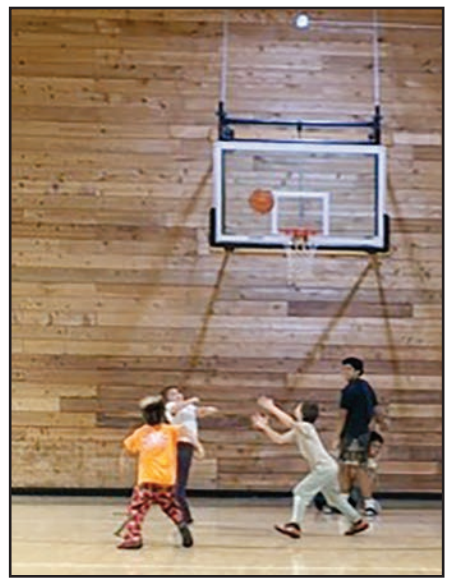
Key:	After-School Mealtimes:	Activity Time:	Swimming Wednesday & Fridays
SSD – Shelton school District	Early Snack: 3:00pm-3:45pm	5:00-5:45pm	4:30-5:30pm



Traditonal food



Rock enjoying scootering outside



Youth playing basketball in gym



Squaxin Sports

It was a busy month for Squaxin Sports! Our 15U basketball team won 5th place at the Nisqually Youth Tournament. Our first win in two years! Way to go Squaxin!

Our Squaxin athletes also got the opportunity to attend the Saint Martin's University Woman's basketball game, where SMU also gave us a special shoutout. Thank you for the invite, SMU!



Squaxin takes on Saint Martin's University! Thank you, SMU, for inviting us to come watch the game and for the special shout out!



Squaxin 15U team gets 4th place at Nisqually Tourney. Way to go Squaxin!



Elianna, LJ, Isaac, and Wyatt



Isaac & Lj



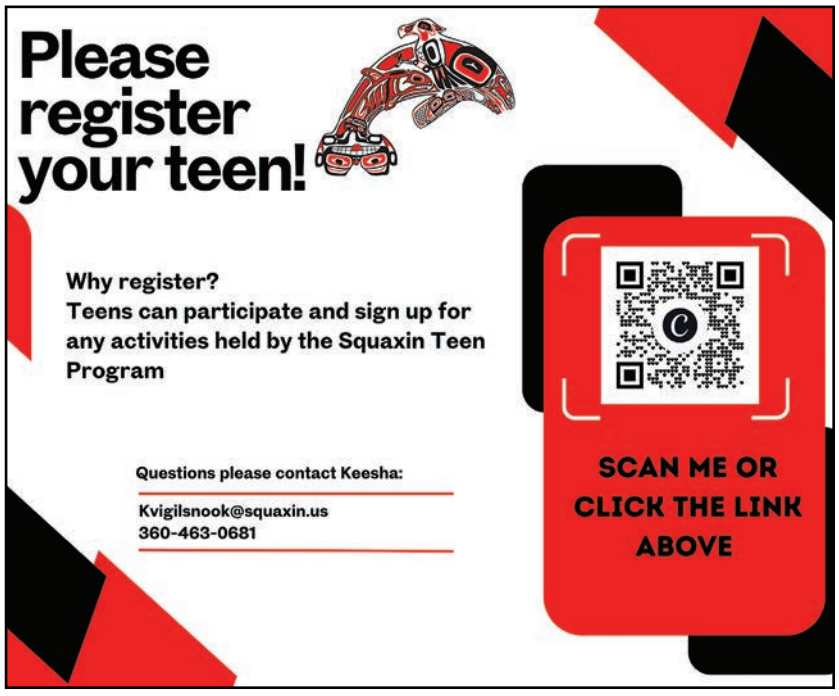
SJ Winning the tip off for Squaxin



Lj & Wyatt ready to play defense

Happy Holidays!







December 2026 Pool Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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13 LS/OS: 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM	14 LS/OS: 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM	15 LS/OS: 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM EA: 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM LS/OS: 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM	16 LS/OS: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM ASP: 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM	17 LS/OS: 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM EA: 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM LS/OS: 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM	18 LS/OS: 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM CLOSED 9:30 AM - 5:30 PM	19 CLOSED For Holiday Break!
20 CLOSED For Holiday Break!	21 CLOSED For Holiday Break!	22 CLOSED For Holiday Break!	23 CLOSED For Holiday Break!	24 CLOSED For Holiday Break!	25 CLOSED Merry Christmas!	26 CLOSED For Holiday Break!
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Key:
LS: Lap Swim
OS: Open Swim
EA: Elders Aerobics
ASP: After School Program

Front Desk:
360-432-3852
(Call for recording of daily schedule)

Pool Office:
360-432-3873

Non-tribal swim fees:
$5/visit
or
$30/month for single pass
$45/month for family pass

Tribal members swim for free!

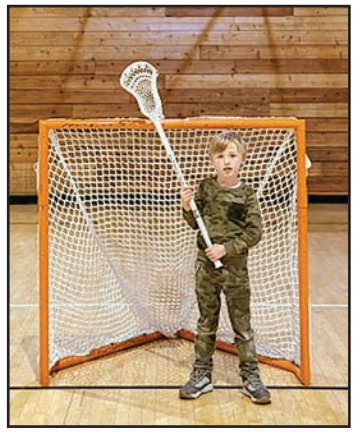
Schedule is subject to change at any time due to community/staff/youth events

Youth Sports Lacrosse

Tae'Lor L Glass, Youth Sports Coach - Our youth had the opportunity to try out the indigenous sport of Lacrosse. JD Elquist, the founder and creator of PNW LAX, came out to share his love and knowledge for the game with our youth and they loved it! Thank you, JD!



Kacen going in for the goal



Cody never missed a practice!



Barney going in for the goal



Cahsai Blueback



Maddie Raham

DECEMBER SQUAXIN SPORTS 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Fridays will be gym cleaning days Basketball Gym will be closed to youth at 5pm	1 12u-18u 3:15 - 4:30pm 10u 5-6pm	2 ALL TEAMS Skills Training 4:30pm - 6pm	3 12u-18u 3:15 - 4:30pm 10u 5-6pm	4 Gym Open for all ASP Youth	5	6
7 12u-18u 3:15 - 4:30pm 10u 5-6pm	8 12u-18u 3:15 - 4:30pm 10u 5-6pm	9 ALL TEAMS Skills Training 4:30pm - 6pm	10 12u-18u 3:15 - 4:30pm 10u 5-6pm	11 Gym Open for all ASP Youth	12	13
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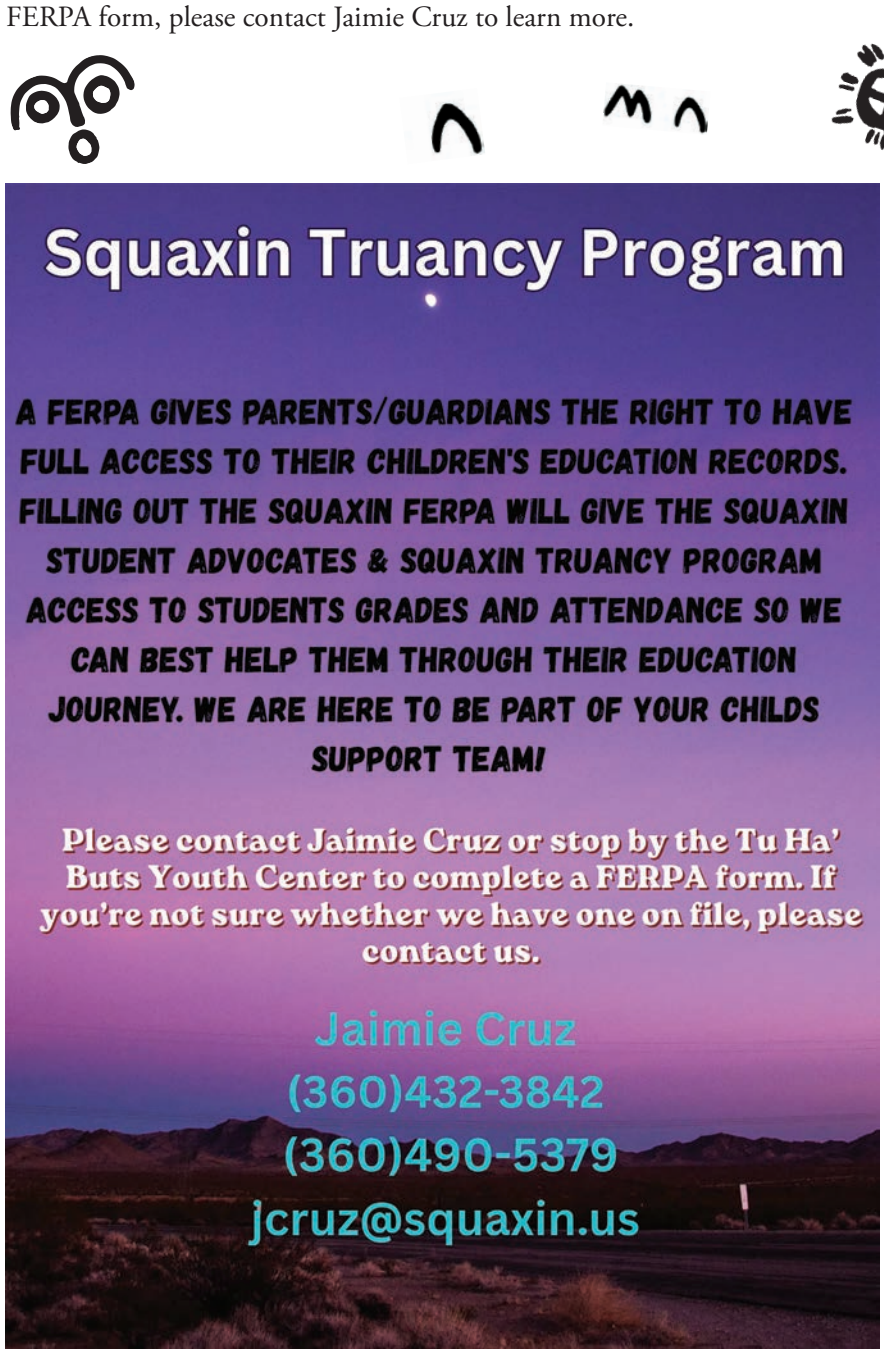
21 CLOSED for Holiday	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 CLOSED for Holiday	29	30	31			

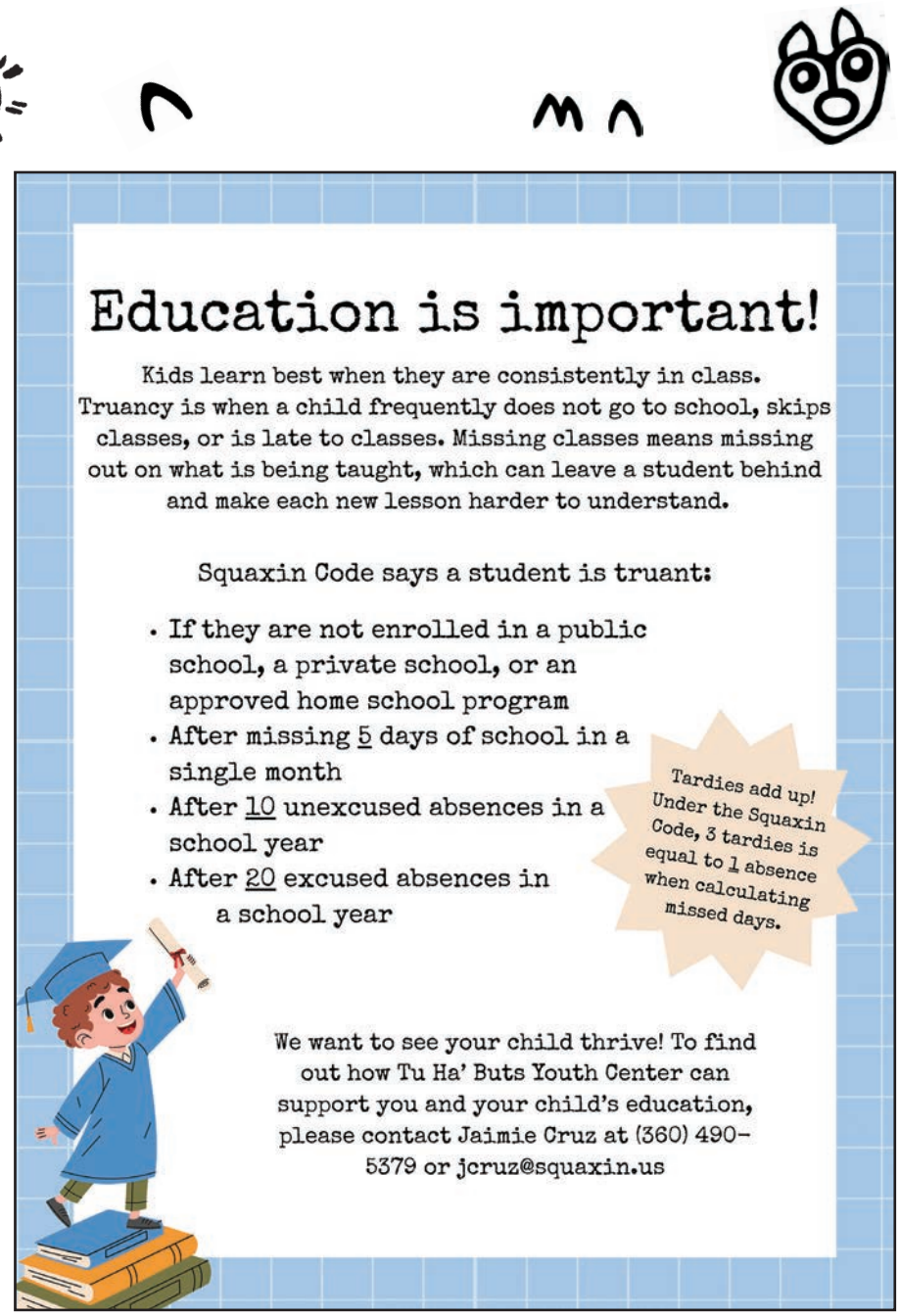
Squaxin Truancy Program

Jaimie Cruz - I would like to do a special shout-out to some of our students who have 85% or more attendance!

Nicolas Cooper
Aurelia Thomas
Satyala Thomas
Thailer Vilter
Alexis Wentworth
Lillie Dorland
Gracelyn Wier
Jayda Hawks
Emilio Hernandez Capoman
Totten Dorland
Azalie Francis
Anthony Furtado
Gunner Gouley
Danielle Hall
Kyllanai Hodgson
Beverly Mesplie
Issiah Lewis
Daniel " Blaze" Snyder
Angelica Coley
Andre Woody Johns
Candence Henry
Nanalaeya Untalan
Eviana Krise-Madrigal
Felipe Olguin-Silva
Edward Sigo
Carver Sigo
Nevaeh Thomas-Dally
Kacen Cooper
Elijah Blueback Robinson
Finn Dorland Maria Coley
Araceli Hernandez-Capoeman
Arya Johns
Emory Melton
Ian Melton
Fox Sam
Sydney Tuso
"Lj" Cooper
Owen Dorland
Zayne Dorland
Autm Fowler
Olivia Henry
Elaine Roberts
Phinatue Hodgson
Jay Willis
William Weythman
Jessica Ryker
Maliyah Sandoval
Isis West

Thank you to the families and youth for getting to school! We are proud of you and excited for this many students to be recognized. If you have not filled out your FERPA form, please contact Jaimie Cruz to learn more.





Exciting News!

New Health Care Kiosks are Here at Squaxin Island Tribe!

Free Health and Wellness Supplies, Convenient Testing and more!

The Squaxin Island Tribe Health Services and Squaxin Public Health Department is excited to announce the official launch of our new Healthcare Kiosks.

On October 20th, 2026 we celebrated this milestone with a small ribbon cutting ceremony, bringing together staff and leadership who helped make this project possible. We are happy to introduce these two new healthcare kiosks designed to make health and wellness resources easier to access for our community.

Where Can You Find the Kiosks?

We now have two healthcare kiosks located outside:

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE HEALTH CLINIC:
90 SE Klah Che Min Dr, Shelton, WA 98584

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (BHOP) BUILDING:
100 SE Whitener Rd, Shelton, WA 98584

These kiosks provide convenient, 24/7, and discreet access to free health and wellness supplies.

What's Available?

Depending on availability, community members can access a variety of free items, including:

- First-aid supplies
- Condoms and safer-sex supplies
- Menstrual and personal hygiene products
- Other health and wellness essentials
- Pregnancy tests
- Naloxone (Narcan)
- STI testing kits

The goal is simple - making preventive healthcare easier, more convenient, and more accessible for our community!

How Do the Kiosks Work?



Using the kiosk is simple!
1) Visit either kiosk location.
2) Follow the instructions on the touchscreen.
3) Select the product you need.
4) Answer any required questions.
5) Collect your free item!

Some testing products require additional information and instructions. If follow-up testing, treatment, or care is needed, appropriate guidance and support will be provided to help connect you with healthcare services.

Want to save time at the kiosk?

If you don't want to spend too much time at the kiosk, you can reserve your items ahead of time! Simply visit https://www.testandgo.com/kiosk-locator, find your preferred kiosk location, and follow the instructions to reserve your items for pickup.

Prefer Testing/Ordering from Home? We Have That Option Too!

Along with the healthcare kiosks, we're also introducing the Mail-Order STI Testing Program. This program allows community members to request STI testing kits and have them delivered directly to their homes.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

1) Visit the mail-order website (https://www.testandgo.com/kiosk-locator) or scan the program QR code on the kiosks (or in the flyer above).
2) Complete the online registration.
3) Receive your testing kit by mail.
4) Follow the instructions to collect your sample at home.
5) Mail your sample back for free! Your kit includes prepaid return shipping instructions and materials, so there's no additional cost to send your sample to the laboratory.

Receive your results and any necessary follow-up through the testing program. This option provides additional privacy and convenience for individuals who prefer testing from home.

We encourage community members to check out the new kiosks, explore the available resources, and share this information with family and friends.

Your health matters, and we're here to make accessing care a little easier!

FOR MORE INFO: https://www.testandgo.com/kiosk-locator
FOR ASSISTANCE: 800-402-0000 or 360-432-3976
EMAIL: support@testandgo.com



Understanding Upcoming Federal Medicaid Changes

What Tribal Members Need to Know

Federal legislation, known as the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, is bringing several major changes to Medicaid programs across the country over the next few years. While these new rules will place stricter requirements on many Medicaid enrollees nationwide, federal law includes important exemptions that protect American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Because our Tribe and Washington State have strong systems in place, most of our community members will see very little disruption to their Apple Health coverage. However, knowing what is changing—and what is not—can help ensure you and your family stay covered without any gaps.

Tribal Members Are Exempt from 3 Major Medicaid Changes

Starting between late 2026 and 2028, federal rules will tighten Medicaid eligibility and add new costs for the general public. As an American Indian or Alaska Native eligible for Indian Health Service benefits, you are exempt from these three requirements:

- SIX-MONTH ELIGIBILITY RENEWALS: By the end of December 2026, states must review Medicaid eligibility every six months instead of once a year for most adults. Tribal members are exempt from this change and will remain on a standard 12-month renewal cycle.
- WORK AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS: Beginning January 1, 2027, most adults aged 19 to 64 will be required to complete 80 hours per month of work or approved community activities to keep their Medicaid coverage. Tribal members are completely exempt from this requirement.
- NEW SERVICE COPAYS: Starting October 1, 2028, states must charge copays of up to $35 per visit for certain adults on Medicaid. Any care or services you receive through our Tribal clinic, another Indian Health Program, or through a Purchased/Referred Care referral remain completely exempt from these copays.

What Still Affects Our Community and Families

Even with these strong protections in place, there are a few changes and rules to keep in mind so your coverage stays active:

- MIXED STATUS HOUSEHOLDS: While Tribal members are exempt from work requirements and six-month renewals, non-Native spouses or family members in the same household are not exempt. They will still need to meet the new federal rules to keep their own Apple Health coverage.
- SHORTER RETROACTIVE COVERAGE: Beginning January 1, 2027, Medicaid will only look back one to two months prior to your application date to pay for past medical bills. Applying right away when you need coverage—rather than waiting until after a hospital visit—is more important than ever.
- MAKING SURE YOUR STATUS IS RECORDED: To make sure you automatically receive your Tribal exemptions in Washington Healthplanfinder, it is critical that your American Indian or Alaska Native status is properly marked on your Apple Health application.

How Apple Health Works Differently for Elders 65 and Older

If you are 65 or older—or if you receive Medicare—applying for Apple Health works differently than it does for adults under 65.

- WHY THE PROCESS CHANGES AT 65: Adults under 65 qualify for Apple Health based mainly on their monthly income. Once you turn 65, federal rules move you out of the standard adult program and into "Classic Medicaid" programs for seniors, which look at both your income and your countable resources, and coordinate with Medicare.
- ELDERS WITHOUT FREE MEDICARE PART A: Some of our elders do not qualify for premium-free Medicare Part A because treaty-exempt income does not count toward Medicare work quarters. If you do not have enough work quarters for free Part A, you do not have to apply for or pay for Medicare Part A on your own. Instead, you simply apply for Classic Apple Health through DSHS. Once approved, Apple Health serves as your primary coverage for both clinic and hospital care—or the state will pay your Part A premium for you through a Medicare Savings Program.
- WHERE AND HOW ELDERS APPLY: Instead of using Washington Healthplanfinder, elders 65 and older apply for Classic Apple Health through the Washington Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS):
  - With Tribal Help: Contact our Tribal Assisters for one-on-one help completing your application.
  - Online: Apply anytime at Washington Connection (washingtonconnection.org).
  - By Phone: Call the DSHS Customer Service Contact Center at 1-877-501-2233 (TRS 711) to apply over the phone or request a paper form (HCA 18-005).
  - In Person (Form Drop-Off or Kiosk)

You can pick up or drop off a paper application (or use a self-service computer kiosk) at the Shelton DSHS Community Services Office at 2505 Olympic Hwy N, Suite 440, Shelton, WA 98584 (Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). Please note that Shelton staff do not conduct sit-down medical interviews at the counter. If you are applying for long-term in-home or nursing care services, those applications are handled by the Tumwater Home and Community Services (HCS) Office at 6639 Capitol Blvd SE, Tumwater, WA 98501 (1-877-429-7019).



Medicaid
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Apple Health and Tribal Benefits Protect Our Community

GENERAL WELFARE PROTECTIONS: Because our Tribe provides distributions through a compliant General Welfare program, those payments do not count as income for adults under 65 applying for Apple Health. However, for elders 65 and older applying for Classic Apple Health through DSHS, senior Medicaid rules are stricter and will likely count both General Welfare distributions and elder payments unless they are strictly based on financial need (treaty-exempt income remains excluded).

HOW PURCHASED/REFERRED CARE PROTECTS YOU: Because Purchased/Referred Care is the payer of last resort, Tribal members must apply for Apple Health first. If you are approved for Apple Health, outside hospitals and specialists must accept Medicaid as payment in full and cannot bill you or the Tribe for any leftover balance. If you are an elder 65 or older who applies for Classic Apple Health and is denied because of your General Welfare or elder payments, giving that denial letter to our Purchased/Referred Care team allows PRC to cover authorized referrals, outside labs, and hospital visits—just be sure to follow standard PRC prior-authorization and emergency notification rules.

Need Help?

If you are turning 65 soon, need help applying through DSHS, or want to make sure your Tribal status is listed on your Apple Health account, please reach out to our Tribal Assisters:

Rose Blueback:
(360) 432-3856

Tonya Haapanen:
(360) 427-9006

Staying enrolled in Apple Health protects you, your family, and our community's health care resources.

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Medications for Alcohol Use Disorder

Alcohol use disorder is a chronic medical condition that involves intense cravings for alcohol and excessive alcohol use, and is associated with serious social, occupational, and physical consequences.[1]

Excessive alcohol use is the most common cause of cirrhosis and increases the risk of cancer (eg, mouth, throat, esophagus, breast, colon, rectum, and liver cancer), unintentional injuries, and heart disease. Alcohol use disorder is treated with behavioral interventions (such as motivational interviewing and cognitive behavioral therapy), group therapy, and medications.

Medications for Alcohol Use Disorder

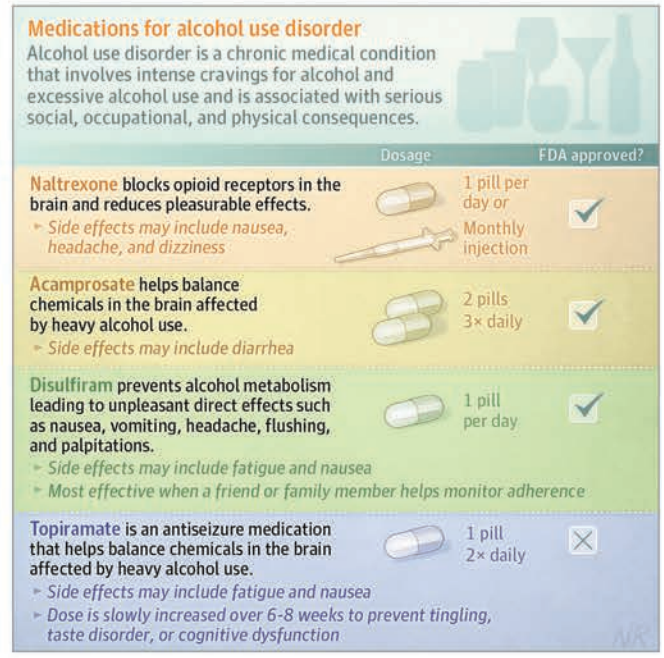
There are 3 medications approved by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for alcohol use disorder: naltrexone, acamprosate, and disulfiram. A fourth medication, topiramate, has not received FDA approval for alcohol use disorder but can be used to treat patients with this condition. Guidelines recommend continuing medications for alcohol use disorder for an additional 6 to 12 months after individuals achieve their treatment goals of abstinence or reduced drinking.

Naltrexone blocks opioid receptors in the brain, which reduces the pleasurable effects of drinking alcohol. In clinical trials, naltrexone reduces rates of heavy drinking and the percentage of days drinking compared with placebo. Naltrexone is taken daily as a pill or given as an injection into the buttocks monthly and can be safely used by patients with mild to moderate cirrhosis. Common adverse effects of oral and injectable naltrexone include nausea and dizziness. About 5% of patients treated with injectable naltrexone develop pain, swelling, redness, bruising, or hardened skin over the site of injection. Because it is an opioid blocker, naltrexone should not be used by patients who are taking opioids.

Acamprosate helps balance chemicals in the brain affected by sustained heavy alcohol use. In clinical trials, acamprosate reduces rates of any drinking and heavy drinking compared with placebo. Acamprosate is taken as 2 tablets 3 times daily, or 1 tablet 3 times daily in individuals with mildly reduced kidney function. Acamprosate is safe for patients with mild to moderate cirrhosis but should not be used by those with severely reduced kidney function. The most common adverse effect of acamprosate is diarrhea.

Disulfiram causes unpleasant effects when alcohol is consumed, which encourages people to avoid drinking. When individuals drink alcohol while taking disulfiram, they develop the disulfiram-ethanol reaction, which involves nausea, vomiting, headache, flushing, and palpitations. To prevent the disulfiram-ethanol reaction, people should avoid alcohol use for at least 24 hours before starting disulfiram. Disulfiram is taken as a pill daily and is most effective when another person (typically a friend or family member) monitors adherence. Although disulfiram has been considered a second-line medication for alcohol use disorder, recent new analyses of prior studies have shown greater effectiveness of supervised disulfiram in promoting abstinence from alcohol. Disulfiram can be used with caution in patients with mild cirrhosis but should be avoided in those with moderate or severe cirrhosis. Other than the disulfiram-ethanol reaction, the most common adverse effects of disulfiram are fatigue, nausea, and, very rarely, severe liver damage.

Topiramate is an antiseizure medication that helps balance chemicals in the brain affected by sustained heavy alcohol use. In clinical trials, topiramate reduces rates of drinking days and the average number of drinks per day compared with placebo. Topiramate is taken orally twice daily and the dose is slowly increased over 6 to 8 weeks to prevent self-limited effects such as tingling, taste disorders, and cognitive dysfunction.



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Measles Awareness:

Protect Yourself, Your Family, and Our Community!

Measles cases are rising in Washington State, and staying informed and vaccinated is very important!

According to the Washington State Department of Health (DOH), 58 confirmed measles cases have been reported across eight counties in 2026, as of the latest available state update on October 1, 2026. Of these cases, 52 individuals (90%) were unvaccinated. This is a significant increase from the 12 cases reported in Washington in all of 2025.

What Is Measles?

Measles is a highly contagious viral illness that spreads through the air when an infected person breathes, coughs, or sneezes. It can cause serious health complications, especially in young children and people with weakened immune systems.

Know the Signs and Symptoms:

- High fever
- Cough and runny nose
- Red, watery eyes
- A red rash that typically begins on the face and spreads downward

How Can You Protect Yourself and Your Family?

- GET VACCINATED! The Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccine is the best protection against measles. Two doses are approximately 97% effective.
- CHECK VACCINATION RECORDS. Children typically receive their first MMR dose at 12–15 months and their second at 4–6 years. Adults should also make sure they are protected. Make sure you and your loved ones are up to date on recommended vaccinations.
- Stay home if you're sick. If you develop symptoms of measles, avoid contact with others and call your healthcare provider or the clinic staff before visiting the clinic.
- Stay informed. Follow updates about measles cases in our state and possible exposure locations.

Let's Keep Our Community Healthy!

GET VACCINATED!
Contact the Health Clinic: (360) 427-9006

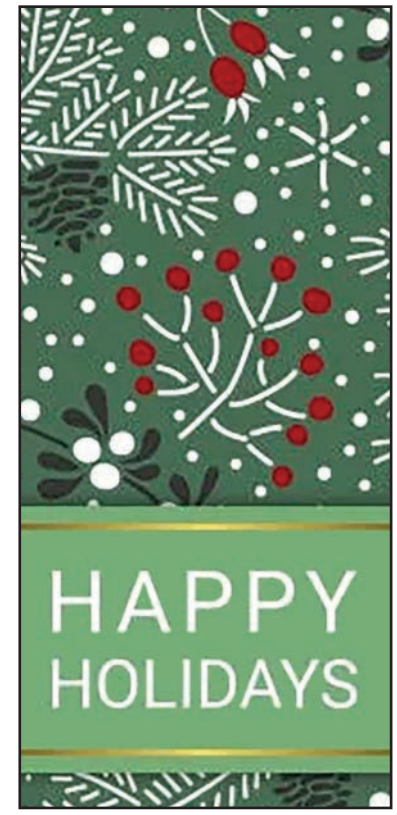
The Squaxin Island Tribe Health Clinic encourages community members to stay up to date on their vaccinations. If you or your family members need an MMR vaccine, are unsure of your vaccination status, or have questions about measles prevention, please contact the clinic to review your vaccination records and schedule an appointment.

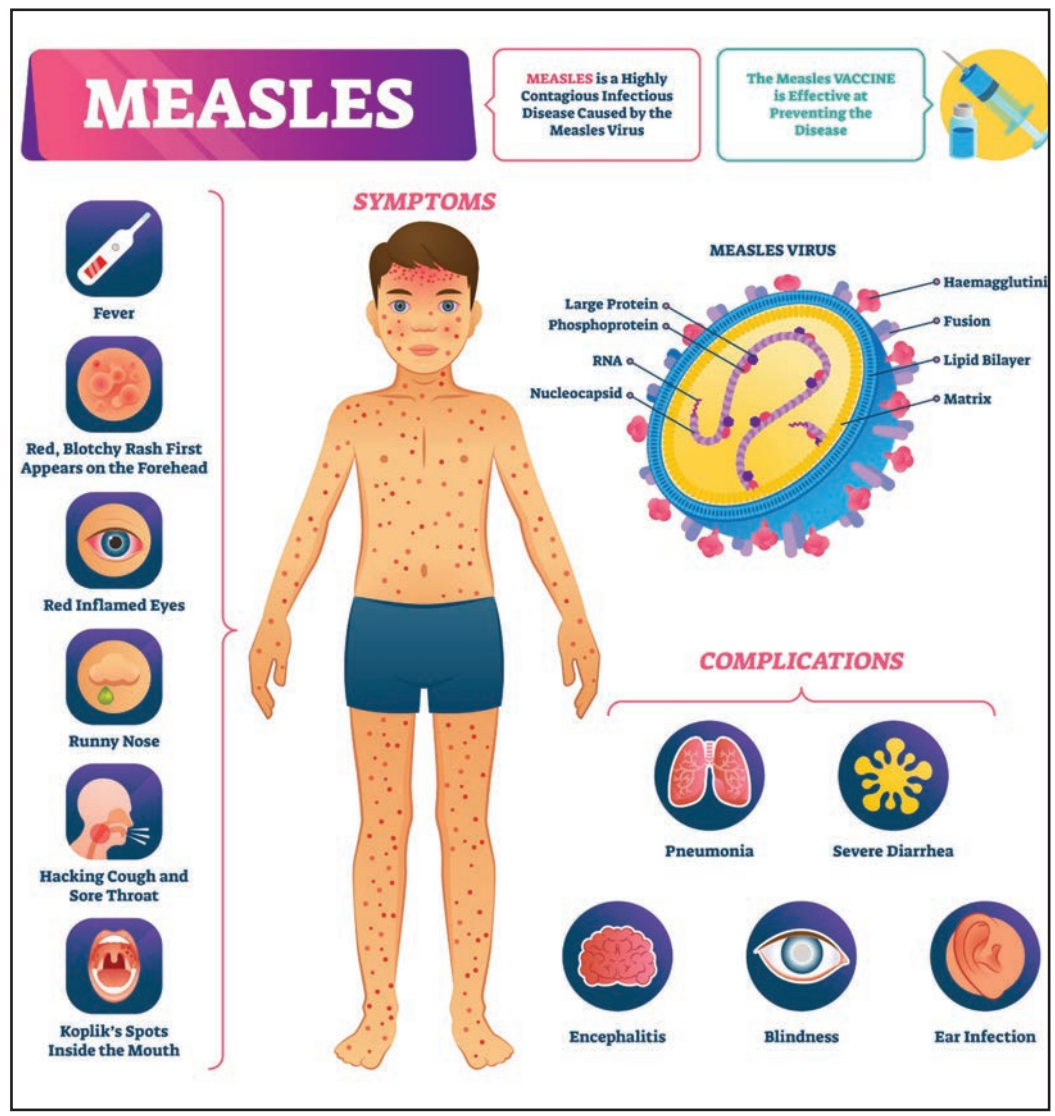
Protecting our children, Elders, families, and community starts with prevention. Together, we can help prevent the spread of measles and keep our community healthy!

Together, we can prevent the spread of measles and keep our community safe!

Learn More: *https://doh.wa.gov/you-and-your-family/illness-and-disease-z/measles/measles-cases-washington-state*







A Better Visit, With DAX Copilot

Frequently Asked Questions

What is DAX Copilot?

DAX Copilot is an AI-powered tool that helps your healthcare provider document your appointment. It listens to the conversation (with your permission) and creates a draft summary of your visit.

Why does my provider use it?

DAX Copilot helps reduce the time your provider spends typing and allows them to focus more on you, your questions, and your healthcare needs.

How does it work with Epic?

DAX Copilot works alongside Epic, our electronic health record system. After your visit, it creates a draft clinical note that can be transferred into Epic for your provider to review, edit, and approve.

Does AI make decisions about my healthcare?

No. DAX Copilot helps with documentation only. Your provider remains responsible for reviewing your note and making all medical decisions.

Is my information kept private?

Your health information is handled according to applicable privacy and security requirements. Your provider will explain the process and answer any questions you may have.

Does this replace my conversation with my provider?

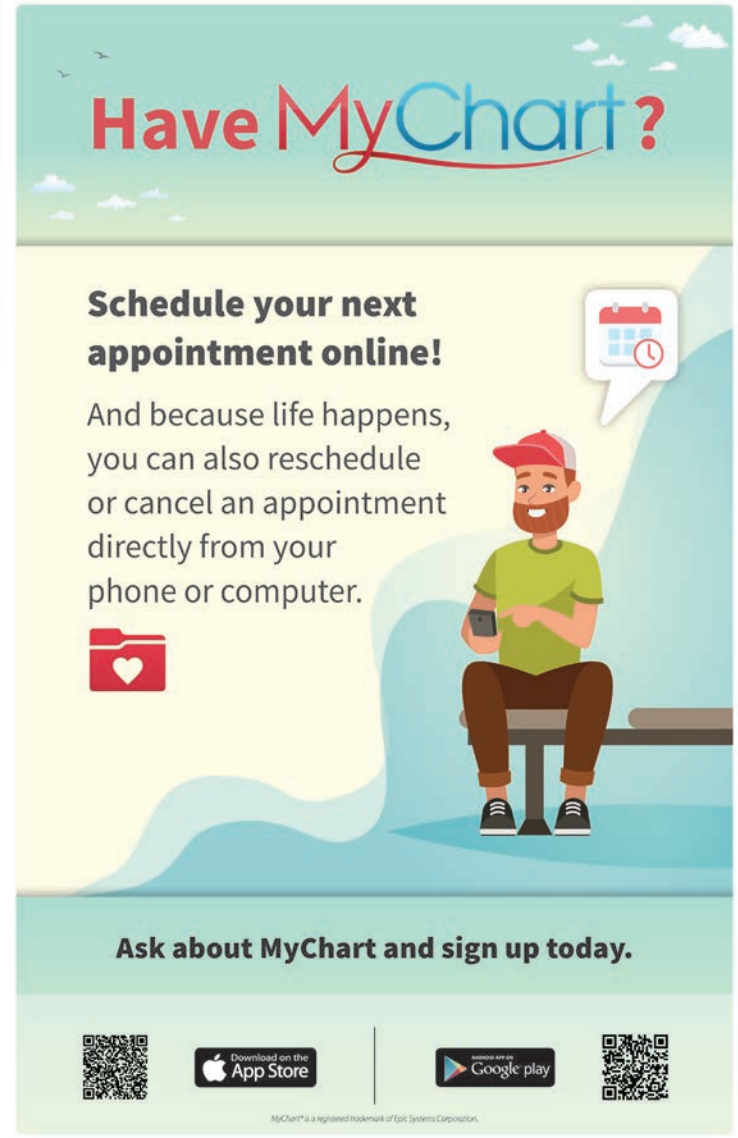
Absolutely not! The goal is to help your provider spend less time documenting and more time connecting with you.

Our goal is simple.

We use technology to make your healthcare experience more personal, giving your provider more time to focus on what matters most — you!

Have questions or concerns about DAX Copilot?

Please feel free to ask your healthcare provider.



How long does a filling last?

A common question in the dental office before and after a dental procedure is, "how long will this filling last?"

The answer to that question depends on a couple of factors.

First, it depends on how well the tooth was isolated and the bonding techniques used during the procedure.

More importantly, it also depends on how well the patient maintains the area afterwards. If the filling is done well but the area is not regularly brushed and flossed, the filling will not last a long time. On the other hand, if the patient makes the decision to properly maintain the area, the filling can last up to 10 years.

Therefore, the answer to the question, "how long will this filling last," is an average loose range of 5-10 years. If the goal is to maximize the lifespan of a dental restoration, maintenance of proper brushing and flossing is key.

If you have any questions or concerns for the dental team, please do not hesitate to reach out or give us a call.

- Minjin Ko, DDS





12/1
Benito Bear Hernandez
Douglas Matthew Bloomfield
Noah Daniel Lee Howland

12/2
Ava Claire George
Bobby Wayne Keithley
Bonnie Sue Keithley
Gregory Thomas Lehman
Tricia LeeAnn Mathiebe

12/3
Cathlene Diane Riker

12/4
Daniel Thomas Sigo
Kaya Rose Johns
Peggy Ann Peters

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Austin Penn-Soto
Lilly Faye Lutolf

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Cora Rosa Krise
Evan Lance Ellerbe
Michael Duane Foster Jr.

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Jason William Koenig
Sophia Amineh Cooper
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Garrett William Lee Todd
Misti Dawn Saenz-Garcia
Sarah Eliza Johns

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Davina Marie Braese
Marlena Star Bradley
Sierra Jasmine Blueback
Tayen Renee BlueBack

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Tonya Velma Henry

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Elianna Kristine Perez

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Judith Kay Arola
Lisa Mae Peters
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Bell Marie Ackerman Johns
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David Beryl Clark
Jessica Mary Stone
Jocelyn Elizabeth Campbell
Kathy Jo Block
Quinton Benavente Whitener

12/29
Patti Ann Puhn
Penni Lynn Restivo

12/30
Giovani Capoeman
Koreena Ann Capoeman
Matthew Taylor Sayers
Richard John Gouin

12/31
Rebecca Black

Squaxin Transit Services

Squaxin Transit provides FREE public transit service within 100 miles of the Squaxin Island Reservation.

Operating Hours:
Monday through Friday
6:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Dial-a-Ride:
Please request your ride at least 24 hours in advance.
Call dispatcher, Windy, at 360-490-0567

We offer transportation for:
- Medical appointments
- SeaTac airport runs
- Grocery routes
- Farmers Market in Olympia (Fridays – pending interest)

We welcome all riders and are committed to serving our community with care and respect.



What's Happening

LUNCH HOUR BAZAAR	December 3	Noon - 1:00
VOC REHAB OUTREACH EVENT	December 16	4:00 - 6:00
STAFF CHRISTMAS PARTY	December 22	10:00 - Noon
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY OFFICES CLOSED	December 23	- January 1
WINTER GENERAL BODY MEETING	January 23	

COURT

Family	December 3	Beginning at 9:30 a.m.
Criminal	December 15	Beginning at 9:30 a.m.
Civil Court	December 15	Beginning at 11:00 a.m.



Culture Night

5pm

Wednesdays

Squaxin Community Kitchen

Bring your dancing feet, drums, rattles & crafty hands



December

Youth, Teens & Family events

11 FRI	Teen Pool Party Glow in the dark theme! Bring towels n' swim suits	Squaxin Pool	5-6 pm
17 THURS	Christmas Party for Families	TYC	5-7 pm
19 SAT	Winter Rez Fest 3v3 basketball tourney. Register with Coach Tae'Lor	TYC	9am 4pm
28 MON	Family Movie Day This is a go-on-your-own event. Free entry and popcorn!	Shelton Cinemas	10 am
30 WED	Rec Day with Ray Ages 8-18, self-sign out only. Attendance not monitored.	TYC	1-6 pm
31 THURS	Ice Skating Day Ages 12-18. Register in advance to ride with Keesha	Oly on Ice rink	Noon -3pm

UNITY SERVICE AA RECOVERY

AA Meetings

Wednesdays

7:30-9:00 p.m.

Elders Building

Elders Menu *Fruit and salad at every meal*

MONDAY 7:
Spaghetti, Corn, Garlic Toast

MONDAY 14:
Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Mixed Veggies

MONDAY 21:
Turkey, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Broccoli

TUESDAY 1:
Baked Potato Soup, Crackers

TUESDAY 8:
Chicken Noodle Soup, Biscuits

TUESDAY 15:
Italian Sausage, Potato Soup, Breadsticks

TUESDAY 22:
No Lunch Service, Early Closure

WEDNESDAY 2:
Sandwich Bar, Chips

WEDNESDAY 9:
Chalupas

WEDNESDAY 16:
Steak, Roasted Red Potatoes

WEDNESDAY 23:
CLOSED for Holidays

THURSDAY 3:
Salmon, Rice Pilaf, Broccoli

THURSDAY 10:
Chicken Alfredo, Green Beans

THURSDAY 17:
Chicken Wings, Rice Pilaf, Brussels Sprouts

SEE YOU IN 2027!
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

After School Program Field Trip to Bayshore Preserve








SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COURT
YOUTH COURT
SQUAXIN ISLAND RESERVATION

IN RE:

A.F. & A.F.

Indian children

Case No.: SQI-CW-2026-09-6, SQI-CW-2026-09-7

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL FAMILY COURT TO THE SAID: Victoria Sanders.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT pursuant to Section 10.08 of the Squaxin Island Youth Code, a Fact Finding and Dispositional Hearing for the above-named youth has been set in the Squaxin Island Youth Court. The hearing on this matter shall be held on December 3, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. at the Squaxin Island Tribal Court, 10 SE Squaxin Lane, Shelton, WA 98584. Please contact the Court Clerk at (360) 432-3828 and/or the Family Services Indian Child Welfare Program at (360) 432-3906 for more information.

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SQUAXIN ISLAND LEGAL DEPARTMENT
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SHELTON, WASHINGTON 98584
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Revitalizing Our Voice:
Squaxin Language Resource Center
Word Search

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